

Wabash College, W. S. April 12

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The train arrived here about quarter past eleven, and the town bore decided marks of having been illuminated to a small extent. On Friday night our society was brought to rather an abrupt close by the ringing of bells over Peep reported surrender. An impromptu celebration was gotten up the "big gun" fired, the men yelled, the women screamed, the boys hellowed, the bells rang, the boxes, and barrels, and chicken coops, and tool chests, burned; the whiskey, and beer, flowed and C-ville was aroused. Of course some butternuts had to be thrashed, and some

more free fighting had to ~~be~~ done before
the scene closed. On Monday the
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day time, and their houses at night.
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bells, tea table bells, and church bells,
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by boys, and men, and horns of whiskey made
men and boys noisy, everybody looked happy
everybody felt happy. Speeches were made,
songs were sung, and the excitement was
kept ^{up} until the ^{list of} speakers ^{was} ~~was~~ exhausted,
from Sen Lane down to the would be
lawyer. Every body was illuminated and
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